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1. SINCE JORDANIANS HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED OF POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 28, I MERELY TOLD MIN STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HASSAN IBRAHIM, WHO RETURNED SEPTEMBER 11, THAT MEETING WAS PROPOSED FOR 3:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 28. I ADDED THAT SECRETARY WISHED TO INVITE THEM (SHARAF AND IBRAHIM) TO LUNCH ON A DAY TO FOLLOW IN NEW YORK.

2. IBRAHIM SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE IT SOUNDED FINE TO THEM. SUBJECT TO CHECKING WITH SHARAF WHO RETURNS WITH KING HUSSEIN TODAY, HE WOULD CONFIRM THE PROPOSAL WHICH WE HAVE MADE FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND LUNCH WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK. I EXPECT TO HEAR FROM ONE OR THE OTHER TODAY IF THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL FROM THE JORDANIANS, BUT I DO NOT EXPECT THERE WILL BE.

3. IBRAHIM ALSO SAID THAT HE AND SHARAF HAD TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO LEAVE AMMAN ON SEPTEMBER 19,
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BUT MIGHT NOW MOVE THAT UP UNTIL SEPT 22 OR SO. THEY WILL GO TO WASHINGTON AND THEN TO NEW YORK. PRESUMABLY THEY WILL TOUCH BASE WITH OTHER ARAB MINISTERS IN BOTH CITIES. IBRAHIM IS SCHEDULED TO DELIVER HIS UNGA GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH OCTOBER 6, AND NOTED THAT ISLAMIC AND ARAB MINISTERS WOULD BE MEETING SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1-3 IN NEW YORK.

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